

FIFTEEN INSTANTLY KILLED

MEN ALMOST TORN TO PIECES

**Some Burned Beyond Recognition—Two Mem-
bers of the City Council and the Chief of
the Fire Department Among the Dead—A**

men were killed and half as many more wounded by an explosion of powder in the fireworks factory of Romaine Brothers in

John Bland, the senior member of the tobacco manufacturing firm of Bland Brothers & Wright; Capt. James T. Tosh, a prominent

these gentlemen ran to the assistance of the employes and tried to extinguish it by throwing buckets of water on it.

were killed instantly and their bodies horribly mangled. Both are members of the city council. Chief Engineer Farley was fatally injured and his body was found in the wreckage.

Among the wounded are Charles Short, John Wells, and several Italians who will

Fire started in the building about 3 o'clock. An alarm was turned in and was soon followed by a loud explosion. About fifteen minutes thereafter there was a second explosion. These explosions were distinctly heard

were quickly communicated to the outer buildings, used for the manufacture of fireworks, and there were frequent explosions. It was reported that there was a large quantity of powder stored somewhere—exactly

structures, was the trunk factory of Messrs. Romaine Brothers, and close by were the large brick tobacco factory of Bland Brothers & Wright and the old whisky distillery now

by fire will be, but it is estimated that the total loss cannot be less than \$75,000 or \$100,000, partially covered by insurance.

There were three explosions. The first was

A public meeting will be held to-morrow at the academy at the call of Mayor Collier.

The wounded are: Edgar Farley, A. W. Red-

SPENCER, Ind., April 7.—At Lancaster, ten miles west of here, to-day a boiler exploded in the mill belonging to Christian Webber,

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Romance in a Hospital.
James S. Davidson married Miss Florence

Some months ago he fell on a sidewalk and received a fractured leg. He was removed to the Garfield hospital and was there nursed by the lady whom he married. It was a case of

The Universalist Club.
At a meeting held in the Church of Our Father on last Friday an organization was

Bancroft, Charles R. Smith, S. M. Ryder, Mrs. C. W. Fitts, Mrs. H. E. Sherman, and Miss Carrie Jordan; secretary, H. E. Williams; treasurer, Miss E. C. Hills.

A sign in a window on Pennsylvania avenue reads "Shoes shined inside." Yesterday an elderly gentleman from the

"Great Caesar! How do you expect to shine them shoes inside unless I take 'em off?"

from street railways in the District for improvements adjacent to their tracks: Belt Line railway, \$104.48; Columbia railway, \$11,225.74; Connecticut Avenue and Park

WILMINGTON, Del., April 7.—Ex-Attorney-General John Briggs returned to-day from a visit to his peach orchards in Delaware and Maryland and said that about 50 per cent of

Revenue Cadets to be Appointed.
As a result of the recent examination for appointment as cadets in the revenue cutter service, the following candidates among

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